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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Summaries of these reports are published in the regional languages. Therefore they will also be published in Tamil.

MR. SPEAKER : Starred questions Nos. 2604 to 2606. All these questions will be taken up together.

B.C.G. vaccination

* 2604 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether a copy of the report of the committee which examined the alleged adverse re-actions of B.C.G. vaccination in Coimbatore district will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : A copy of the report was already placed on the table of the House—vide answer to the starred question No. 2112 answered on 19th August 1955.

* 2605 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a girl by name Dhanalakshmi, aged 17, had B.C.G. vaccination in the third week of May at Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) whether ten days hence, her eye-sight was affected and became impaired;

(*c*) whether her father Krishnaswami Naidu took her to the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, and consulted a lady doctor there regarding the eye-sight of the girl;

(*d*) the action taken by the Government in the case;

(*e*) whether the girl was admitted into the hospital for treatment and how and for what she was treated; and

(*f*) what does the report of the District Medical Officer, if any, disclose in this case?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) The girl Dhanalakshmi was only tuberculin tested on 17th May 1955. She was not vaccinated with B.C.G.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) She is reported to have developed jaundice and attended as an out-patient in the Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, on 8th June 1955. It is not known whether her father took her to the hospital. The Honorary Assistant Medical Officer of the Eye department reports that she had intense jaundice but no defective vision. The jaundice is reported to have cleared.

(*e*) No, Sir.

(*f*) The report of the District Medical Officer indicates that the girl had no defective vision but had intensive jaundice.